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SUBJ: RESTRICTIVE CARGO-SHARING AGREEMENT BETWEEN SINGAPORE
AND INDONESIA

REF: A. STATE 195628; B. SINGAPORE 3576

SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE IS IN REPLY TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RAISED
REFTEL A REGARDING SUBJECT AGREEMENT. AGREEMENT SEEMS LIKELY
TO BE IMPLEMENTED, AND APPEARS TO EXCLUDE THIRD-COUNTRY VESSELS
FROM SINGAPORE/INDONESIAN TRADE. END SUMMARY.

1. IN VIEW OF GOS "HANDS OFF" POSITION ON AGREEMENT AND SUP-
PORT OF GOI DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SEA COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTED
REFTEL B, THERE APPEARS TO BE STRONG LIKELIHOOD OF AGREEMENT
BEING IMPLEMENTED.

2. TEXT OF AGREEMENT WOULD APPEAR TO COMPLETELY EXCLUDE
THIRD-COUNTRY VESSELS FROM SINGAPORE-INDONESIAN TRADE, BUT
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COULD PERHAPS BE GENERAL ENOUGH TO ALLOW EXCEPTIONS AT THE DIS-

CRETION OF THE PARTNERS TO THE AGREEMENT. CARGO AVAILABLE FOR SHIPMENT BETWEEN SINGAPORE AND INDONESIA, ACCORDING TO TEXT OF AGREEMENT IS TO BE SHARED BY VESSELS "WHO ARE CARRYING EITHER THE INDONESIAN FLAG OR SINGAPORE FLAG, BEING A CERTAIN TYPE AND SIZE AS AGREED BY THE PARTIES FROM TIME TO TIME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ROUTES SPECIFIED AND PERMITTED BY INDONESIA OR SINGAPORE TO APPLY."

3. "SHIPMENT" MEANS THE CARRIAGE OF CARGO BY INDONESIAN OR SINGAPORE VESSELS ABOVE 175 GRT FROM AND TWO SINGAPORE OR FROM AND TO INDONESIA FOLLOWING THE SO-CALLED REGULAR LINER SERVICE ("RLS") AS DESIGNATED BY INDONESIA'S REGULATIONS UNDER THE CATEGORY ROUTE "S" AS RESPECTIVELY APPLICABLE TO INDONESIA OR SINGAPORE FLAG VESSELS.

4. ROUTE "S" CATEGORY REFERS TO THE EXISTING FIFTEEN ROUTES DESIGNATED S-1 THROUGH S-15 BY GOI MINISTRY OF SEA COMMUNICATIONS. ALL LINES ENGAGED IN SINGAPORE-INDONESIA TRADE PRESENTLY MUST FOLLOW ONE OF THESE DESIGNATED ROUTES.

5. AS REPORTED REFTTEL B, AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES NOT PLANNING TO ENGAGE IN SINGAPORE/INDONESIAN TRADE. PRESIDENT OF THE OTHER U.S. FLAG LINE WITH CAPACITY ON SINGAPORE/INDONESIA ROUTE, J.S. DANT OF STATES LINES, FEELS THAT AGREEMENT IS OF LITTLE PRACTICAL CONCERN TO U.S. CARRIERS BECAUSE THEY CANNOT COMPETE IN TERMS OF COST WITH LOCAL CARRIERS. ACCORDING TO DANT, U.S. FIRMS INTEREST IS IN FREIGHT TO AND FROM THE UNITED STATES, NOT IN SINGAPORE/INDONESIAN TRADE; TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF THE AGREEMENT WOULD NOT BE WORTHWHILE ENTERPRISE.

6. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW AND REPORT ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO CARGO-SHARING AGREEMENT. HOLDRIDGE

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